

According to bullying statistics, 1 out of every 10 students who drops out of school does so because of repeated bullying.

Suicides linked to bullying are the saddest statistic.

STATISTICS ON HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND LARGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

1. HISD has over 200,000 students, 80 percent of which are eligible for free and reduced price lunch. This means that, 80 percent of students come from low socioeconomic households. HISD has approximately 25 percent African American students, 63 percent Hispanic students, and 30 percent students with limited English proficiency.

2. The 100 largest districts represent less than 1 percent of all school districts in the nation, yet enrolls 21 percent of all students, including 25 percent of the Census poverty students, 33 percent of the black students, 32 percent of the Hispanic students, and 31 percent of all minority students.

Houston Independent School District's challenge in providing a world class education faces many of the challenges that Jackson Lee Amendment #5 would address.

The Nation's first line of national defense is a well educated population. Much of the Nation's defense depends on what is developed and created by STEM jobs. It is also important that men and women serving in the Armed Forces have a basic working knowledge of STEM to succeed. For these reasons, it is vital that every child have the best education that this Nation can provide. There is no one size fits all, and there are changes with each generation of teachers and students, but the one constant are the needs of all children are not the same.

There is no deterministic model that decides which child will succeed and which will fail. What we do know is that given the right learning environment with teachers with the right training and support we can graduate students who can create, innovate, lead and succeed in life.

I urge all members to vote in favor of these amendments.

JEREMY LYNN JOPLIN HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS STATE CHAMPION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Joplin High School's Jeremy Lynn for winning the Missouri Class 2 Boys State Tennis Championship.

Jeremy's victory demonstrated hard work, dedication, and courage. Despite battling increasing pain during the match, he won the State championship and finished with a 36–1 record for the season.

Jeremy's victory served as the capstone of a brilliant high school career. In addition to being a State champion, Jeremy is a three time district champion and a three time conference champion. His senior year established him amongst the Nation's best, ranking second in the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Missouri Valley region, as high as 47th in the entire Nation, and as the champion of the 2012 Boy's 18's USTA National Open Championship in Denver.

Jeremy's accomplishments are not just tied to the court; they extend to the classroom. In his first semester of his senior year, Jeremy earned a 4.3 GPA, achieving academic all-conference status.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jeremy Lynn on his Missouri Class 2 Boys State Tennis Championship and a stellar athletic and academic career.

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTOPHER DOUGLAS

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to make a statement in memory of a brave firefighter in California's 36th Congressional District, Christopher Douglas, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty.

Christopher Douglas, a native of Colorado Springs, lived in Temecula, California. Chris was an avid surfer who was well-known and respected by the local community. Chris served his country in the United States Air Force and, after leaving, became an Engineer and Paramedic for CAL FIRE. On Friday, July 5, 2013, he was struck by a vehicle along Interstate 10 in Riverside County, California, while preparing to leave the site of a traffic collision to respond to another incident. He was rushed to the hospital, but tragically passed away. Chris Douglas, an eight-year veteran with the fire department, was only 41 years old. He leaves behind his expectant wife Amy, their two-year-old son Samuel, and family members and friends. Chris died with the same courage as he lived, helping those in need.

This brave man died before his time. He was an honorable, passionate man who devoted himself to his country, his duty, and his family. His service and life are to be commended. His memory will live on in the people whose lives he inspired with his final act of sacrifice.

IN HONOR OF JOHN P. CATALDO, SR.

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, John P. Cataldo, Sr. was a husband, father, grandfather, civic leader and patriot. He served his country in World War II and as a 17-year-old sailor in the United States Navy he was part of the amphibious forces that landed in France on D-Day, June 6, 1944. In civilian life, he devoted much time to his family, business, and civic and charitable organizations. Mr. Cataldo founded the public accounting firm that bears his name and continues today. As a resident of Warminster, he was a volunteer on several local boards and committees, and also an elected Warminster Township supervisor. He proudly served on the military veterans' advisory board in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District. For many years, he was active in the Southampton Radiant Star Lodge No.

806 and the Free and Accepted Masons. We mourn the passing of a true gentleman and acknowledge his faithful service to country and community.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT D. GETZOFF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 19, 2013

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague from New York, Representative TIM BISHOP, to honor the memory of Robert D. Getzoff. Rob was a dedicated brother, a beloved son, a caring uncle, and a fiercely loyal friend.

To his many friends, he was one of the warmest, brightest, and funniest people on Capitol Hill. Though he was a self-described "Jewish rocker from Philadelphia," Rob was a friend of the Illinois Fifth District, having worked for my predecessor, then Congressman Rahm Emanuel, for four years.

Rob served as Congressman Emanuel's Legislative Counsel for the Budget, Financial Services and Ways and Means Committees—a full plate of challenging policy responsibilities and assignments that Rob fulfilled with great skill and success. No one loved it more and worked harder than Rob Getzoff. In an office that prided itself on long hours, Rob made a point of being the first person in the office in the morning, and on many nights he was the last to leave. He served his country and tackled complex challenges and tight deadlines with intelligence and humor.

Rob began his Hill career in the office of his idol, Senator Ted Kennedy, and tackled every aspect of his Hill career with the passion and dedication to public service exemplified by the late Senator. Rob's impressive record of accomplishment was built on his distinguished academic credentials. He held a bachelor's degree from George Washington University, a law degree from Temple University, and an MBA from Georgetown University. In addition to his service on the Hill, he added to his impressive credentials by becoming an expert in financial services regulatory policy while working for industry leaders including Citigroup and Bank of New York Mellon.

Rob was a true policy wonk and a brilliant political strategist. He defended his views with passion whether he was trying to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to help low-income Americans, explaining the greatness of eighties hard rock, or the eating habits of Great Cats. He was unrelenting in pushing his colleagues to do the right thing, whether the question at hand was a pivotal vote or a quality timepiece. He left a legacy of legislative accomplishments including meaningful lobbying reform, janitors insurance, closing the corporate jet loophole, and reducing the size of the "tax gap." He also played a pivotal role in drafting comprehensive tax reform legislation that made the tax code simpler and fairer for all Americans.

Rob was beloved by many who had the privilege to work with him and share his passion and dedication to work and friends. A legislative staff in a Congressional office is a small unit, and Rob was part of a family. That small group of people crammed into a not-so-